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Letter dated 29 May 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 29 May 1995 from H.E. Mr. Hasan Muratovic, Minister in the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, President of the State Committee for Cooperation with the United Nations, addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

The city of Sarajevo, besieged for more than three years by the Serb aggressor forces, is again deprived of electricity, natural gas, and water, while deliveries of petroleum products, indispensable to the survival of Sarajevo's citizens, have been blocked.

On 26 May, at 1.30 p.m., the Serb aggressor forces disconnected the main transformer stations, leaving Sarajevo completely without power supply. Without doubt, this is a deliberate disconnection, and manifests a brutal and often-used tactic, directed at Sarajevo's civilian population.

Simultaneously, the aggressor continues to use for its own purposes the electric power produced at the electric power system of the Federation of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, but does not supply power to the Bacevo water pumping station, thereby totally depriving Sarajevo of its water supply.

Over an extended period, the aggressor has been reducing the flow of natural gas to Sarajevo by closing the valve in Zvornik. However, on 27 May, this valve was completely closed and the delivery of gas to the territories under control of the legal authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina has totally stopped.

A delegation of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina recently visited the Russian Federation and arranged for a regular supply of natural gas to all consumers on the territory of the Republic.

Unless the gas supply is completely restored, we shall be forced to cancel temporarily the delivery of natural gas through the Sanctions Committee of the Hungarian Government.

As far as petroleum products are concerned, it is now more than one year since the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) ceased to deliver this type of fuel, providing for an extremely critical situation.

In short, the current energy supply for Sarajevo is abysmal, and it can be reasonably concluded that Sarajevo's population now faces dire circumstances.

We require the undertaking of urgent measures on your part to rectify this situation.

Hasan MURATOVIC
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the United Nations